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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PPDC, MNVC, PARM, CE
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER ON NPT

REF: STATE 190321

1. ON SEPTEMBER 11 PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE RECEIVED ME
AT MY REQUEST TO PRESENT PERSONALLY PRESIDENT CARTER'S
LETTER ON THE NPT. WE HAD PROVIDED TO SYMPATHETIC STAFF
IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AN ADVANCE COPY
OF THE LETTER FROM REFTEL AND A MEMORANDUM REMINDING
THEM OF THE NAM GOVERNMENTS THAT HAD SIGNED AND
RATIFIED AND THOSE THAT HAD SIGNED BUT NOT
YET RATIFIED.

2. AMBASSADOR REVIEWED PRESIDENT CARTER'S EFFORTS
TO MOVE DOWN THE ARMS LIMITATION ROAD BY LIMITING THE
EXPORT OF NUCLEAR PROCESSING, TECHNOLOGY, NUCLEAR
FUELS AND THE MOST EXPLICIT ATTEMPT TO RESTRAIN
CONVENTIONAL ARMS SHIPMENTS AS WELL AS SUSTAINED
EFFORTS TO CONCLUDE SALT, AND HIS INITIATIVE TO
NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT ON THE INDIAN OCEAN. ALL THESE
WERE CONSISTENT WITH PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE'S
INTEREST AS EXPRESSED AT THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON
DISARMAMENT, AND IF THE GSL COULD SEE ITS WAY TO RATIFYING
THE NPT SOON, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL. THESE WERE THE
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SAME ARGUMENTS THE AMBASSADOR HAD USED WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER HAMEED ON AUGUST 31.

3. COMMENT: THE PERIOD WE ALLOWED TO ELAPSE FROM THE RECEIPT
OF THE LETTER TO ITS HAND DELIVERY HAD GIVEN THE GOVERNMENT
TIME TO UNEARTH FILES STALLED BY THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT,
WHICH OPPOSED RATIFICATION AND DECIDE, AS THE

PRESIDENT PUT IT TO THE AMBASSADOR, "TO RATIFY PROMPTLY."
HOW PROMPT IS "PROMPTLY," WE NEVER KNOW HERE,BUT
WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OUR PROGRESS.

4. IN THE EVENT THAT WE ARE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED
BY A QUICK PARLIAMENTARY ACTION IT WOULD BE WELL
TO HAVE A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS READY.
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